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The President's message will be sent to Congress to-day.

Brailstreet's estimate of the cotton crop for 1887 is 6,480,000 bales, or 25,000 bales less than in 1886.

The following is a grammatical sentence, although at first it may not appear so: Most of the Anarchists have been convicted.

Rev. Jos. Parker, who was paid \$700 for preaching Mr. Hecker's funeral, has sent the money to the Beecher monument association.

Col. Wallace Gruelle, late editor of the Grayson Gazette, is writing a book to be entitled "Daniel Boone's Adventures in Kentucky."

The National Butter, Egg and Cheese Association at its approaching convention will endeavor to provide some measure by which eggs will be sold by the pound instead of the dozen.

John Arensdorf is on trial at St. Louis City for the murder of Rev. Geo. C. Haddock, who was assassinated because he was making himself too active in securing the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The Princeton Banner boasts that four successful newspaper men—Hawthorne Hill, of Mayville, Jos. Reed, of Louisville, and John Eaker and Willis Machan, of Montgomery, Ala.—got their start as reporters for the Banner.

Polk Johnson's "In and About Kentucky" column is rapidly becoming almost as popular a feature of the Courier-Journal as the "News and Comment" column on the first page, over which Col. Johnson also presides.

Col. Thos. M. Green, who killed Lou D. Baldwin at Lexington, was tried last week before an examining court and discharged. Baldwin's friends will try to have Green indicted by the grand jury, in spite of his acquittal on the ground of self-defense.

Granville Adams, of Mt. Vernon, Ky., eloped some time ago with the wife of Wallace Laswell, and afterwards returned with her. Friday night while Adams was returning from church with Mrs. Laswell, Laswell overtook them and shot and killed him.

Nashville is having an exciting race for Mayor with McCarver, DeLoach, Littleton, Republican, and Weakley and Jones, Independents, in the field. The American claims that the influence of the L. & N. Railroad Company is being used to defeat McCarver and elect Littleton.

Give the new Legislature a chance. Perhaps after all that has been said it will hold a short business session and go home, and thereby agreeably disappoint the people. But if the members turn out to be "recorder" makers and show a disposition to imitate Tennessee's brook and run on forever, then let somebody turn on the hose of criticism, so to speak.

The Louisville city election comes off to-day and a fund of over \$1,000 has been raised to secure an honest election. If any other candidate than Avery should be elected Mayor, the result would come in the nature of an unexpected event, to those who have studied the situation. With two Democrats and one Republican on the track this is the only result to be looked for.

The vacancy in the Presidency of France caused by the resignation of M. Greys on Thursday, was filled Saturday by the election of M. Francois Sadi-Carnot. The new President was a dark horse elected as a compromise by Ferry and DeFreycinet's supporters. He is 61 years old and has been in public life for 15 years. His election gives general satisfaction throughout the Republic.

Sanator Sam E. Hill, of Hartford, having accepted the position of Adjutant General of the State, has resigned the Senatorship and a special election has been called to fill the vacancy. The district is composed of Ohio, Butler and Muhlenberg counties and at the last election gave a Republican majority of nearly 1,000 votes. Louis Jones, who formerly went to the Legislature from Muhlenberg, will doubtless be the Republican nominee and as he has money to spend it will take a strong Democrat to defeat him. The ablest Democrat in the district is Col. Bill Yost, of Greenville, but we doubt if he would accept the position, even without a struggle.

The Courier-Journal gave a lengthy account last week of an attempt by Scott Newman, a noted war politician and election "worker," to bribe Garnet Ripley, a candidate for Councilman, in the interest of Jacob and the Gas Company. Ripley set a trap for Newman and has witnesses and a stenographer in an adjoining room when the tender of \$100 was made. Newman of course denies that the money was a bribe, but says it was an offer of assistance, made through friendship for Geo. Alexander, a friend of Ripley's, who had asked him to support the latter. Ripley took the money, turned it over to the school fund and exposed the whole dirty mess.

THE PURPORTED RAILROAD DEAL.

Official Denial of the Rumor that the O. V. has Sold Out to the L. and N.

[Henderson Journal.]

Articles have appeared this week in nearly all the State papers implying, or stating as a fact, that the L. & N. had consummated a trade with the O. V. by which the latter had been absorbed and merged into the L. and N. system. To correct the impressions that have gone forth, and to relieve from anxiety those who gave credence to this news, which, if true, would be in the nature of a calamity, we assert that we are in a position to state positively and absolutely that so far as the officials of the O. V. are concerned there is no truth whatever in these assertions. Furthermore, we may add that we know of negotiations now pending looking to an immediate southward extension of the O. V. road. The Ohio Valley, like the L. & N., or any other road for the matter of that, is always in the market, but unless we are mistaken it will take a long time to induce the present owners to part with their property.

The officials and projectors of the O. V. are entirely satisfied with the condition of the road. Outside an offer, as we have stated, of a temptingly large bonus on their investment, they have no reason for selling out but many valid reasons why they should retain possession. One incentive to the building of this road was to develop the rich DeKoven coal fields. The stockholders in the road are likewise owners of the DeKoven mines, and were the road to pass into other hands their aim to give an inexpensive outlet to this coal would be defeated, and the coal company left to the mercy of the new management.

Nothing is at present further from the aim or desire of O. V. owners than to dispose of their line. The road from the first time a transportation car ran over it has been a paying investment, and has continued so in increasing ratio ever since. The earnings of the road, if we may believe old railroad men, have been as great as those of any railroad in this country at its first building. The O. V. road is acknowledged to be a magnificent road as far as it now extends; it has men at the head of its affairs who can appreciate, as well as others, the value of their property, and unless a purchaser present himself who is prepared to offer very great inducements the road will remain in its present hands and eventually become a great thoroughfare.

A Few Observations.

Five of the prohibition cases were tried last week and the result was an acquittal in each of the cases. The parties tried were indicted by the last grand jury and demanded trial, claiming that they could not give bond. County Attorney Payne took the ground that they could give bail if they choose to and that the county court only had jurisdiction when bail could not be given. This point was over-ruled by the court and the trials were entered into, with the result set forth in our news columns. When the second lot of cases were called Saturday Mr. Payne asked for a county jury who had not heard the previous trial talked about on the streets, but this point was also over-ruled and the court instructed the sheriff to summon a panel of "sober and discreet housekeepers," without regard to where they resided. Judge Winfree has adhered strictly to the law in all his rulings and County Attorney Payne has faithfully met the requirements of his office. The accused parties have employed strong legal talent to defend them and they are backed by a large number of friends and sympathizers who attend the trials and show their interest in them by laughing at every alleged witicism perpetrated at the expense of the prohibition law, and manifesting their approval of every point made by the attorneys for the defense. On the other hand there is but little active interest being taken by the friends of prohibition. But few of them are to be seen about the court house and even when they are summoned to serve on the jury they show a disinclination to do so and try in every possible way to avoid service. There is no moral support being given to the county attorney in his efforts to secure convictions. No prohibitionist lawyer has volunteered to assist him, nor has the so-called Law and Order Club as yet taken a hand in the prosecutions. The cases now on trial may be taken as a fair opportunity to test the efficiency of the new law and the county's power to convict those indicted for its violation, and the results may be taken as deciding to some extent the question, "Will Prohibition Prohibit?"

Both parties caused in Washington Saturday to nominate officers for the 60th Congress. The organization of the Senate will be made by the Republicans and will remain about like it is at present. The Democrats will organize the House and the following caucus nominees were elected yesterday:

Jno. G. Carlisle, of Kentucky; Speaker; J. P. Leedom, Ohio, Sergeant-at-Arms; A. B. Hunt, Mississippi, Door-keeper; Lycurgus Dalton, Post-master; Rev. W. H. Milburn, Chaplain. Hunt who succeeds Davidson is the only new officer, all others being re-elected.

The Republicans nominated Thos. B. Reed, of Maine, for Speaker, thereby conferring upon him the leadership of the minority.

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A Bad Negro.

[Clarksville Democrat.]

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